AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ALLOW SENIOR CITIZENS WHO APPLY FOR A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TO DEFER SOME OR ALL OF THEIR AD VALOREM TAXES PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 48-5-72; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, most Senior Citizens are on fixed incomes and have trouble paying their bills and financial obligations; and

WHEREAS, these are some of our most valuable resources and historians of our past; and

WHEREAS, State law O.C.G.A. § 48-5-72 provides for the deferral of ad valorem taxes through the filing of an annual application for tax deferral with the appropriate tax official on or before April 1 of the year the deferral is being requested; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta would be allowed to collect the taxes deferred either when the property is sold or the property owner dies; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer (in this case senior citizens) would have been spared the hardship of paying this annual tax which can be a burden for those on fixed incomes and the citizens of Atlanta would not be unduly burdened with a loss of revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

<u>SECTION 1:</u> That the Mayor or his designee is authorized to allow senior citizens that are 62 years or older to defer the payment of their ad valorem taxes pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-72.

<u>SECTION 2:</u> That all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

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